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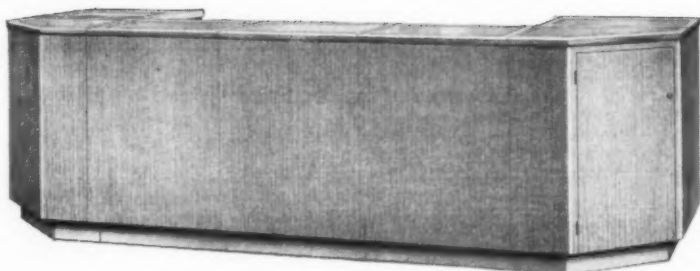
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Editorial Board Changes

Mattie Milner, formerly school library representative, will now represent public libraries in the place of Willie D. Halsell who left the public library field to join the State College library staff. Sue Coltharp, school librarian, Potts Camp, will be school library representative. M. L. A. Executive Board has discussed the appointment of a representative of special libraries and an appointment will probably be made before the next issue of the **News**.

LIBRARY COMMISSION STAFF CHANGES

Mrs. Kay Cooley, whose home is in Wesson, has returned to the state to join the staff of the Library Commission as circulation librarian. After receiving B.A. and B.S. in L.S. degrees from Louisiana State University Mrs. Cooley worked in the Louisiana State Department of Education library, as librarian in several Louisiana schools, in the Ouachita Parish Library, Monroe and one year in the St. Tammany Parish Library Demonstration, Covington, Louisiana. Mrs. Beatrice Pridgen has been assigned as assistant in the circulation department. Mrs. Joanna Edwards, who had given most efficient service as secretary-bookkeeper for the past several years, resigned and the position taken by Miss Ruth Price, who formerly held a similar position with the State Retirement System.

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Reported

Under the theme **OUR LIBRARIANS SERVE THE PRECIOUS LIBERTIES OF OUR NATION**, the Biloxi meeting October 23-24 seemed to be a success from the standpoint of inspiration, work accomplished and fellowship. Registration was 155.

Feature speakers for general sessions were Jean Colby, children's editor for Farrar, Straus and Young; Helen Wessels, Editor of Library Journal; and Mark Ethridge, Publisher of the Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal. Mrs. Colby made a delightful talk on the editing and publishing of children's books. Mrs. Wessels and Mr. Ethridge both emphasized the need for clear thinking and courageous action in combating fear and suspicion inspired by communism and communistic methods or repression of individual liberties. They urged the necessity to keep open minds, to be ready to defend these freedoms and not to fall prey to anti-communistic hysteria inspired by fear and ignorance.

At the Saturday luncheon Mr. James Eaton, Gulfport attorney, spoke on "MISSISSIPPI, THE NATION'S NUMBER ONE ECONOMIC PROGRESS," and showed by graphs, facts and figures that we may well be proud of the development of the state's natural resources and industrial progress. He said that the provision of adequate reading resources for all the people should be a part of the state development program.

Gretchen Schenk came back "home to Mississippi" to act as moderator of a panel discussion on Effective Library Service For All. Participating on the panel were: Mrs. Wessels; Garland Taylor, Librarian, Tulane University; Katherin Hanley, Veterans' Administration librarian and Annabelle Koonce, School Library Supervisor. After stimulating talks by the leaders and discussion from the floor Gretchen summarized the discussion with the keyword "COOPERATION" — the necessary working together of librarians in all fields of service, together with citizens and organizations to make over all library service possible.

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Section meetings were held by college, school and public librarians to discuss topics of special interest. Section officers elected for the coming year are: **College**, Mrs. Josephine Alexander, All Saints College, Vicksburg, Chairman; **School**, Mary Joan Finger, Clarksdale, Temporary chairman, Ruthlyn Austin, Hattiesburg, Secretary; **Public**, Willie Dee Robbins, Natchez, Chairman, Elenora Gralow, Brookhaven, Secretary.

Important transactions of the Business Session were: The decision to have the 1954 Association meeting in Jackson — authorization for the Editorial Board of MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY NEWS to use all funds collected from advertisers to pay for publication. All costs in excess of revenue from this source to be shared equally by the Association and the Library Commission. Any receipts in excess of costs of publication are to be held by the Association — Anona Jenkins elected as ALA Council Representative succeeding Anna Roberts, who was commended for her good services — Splendid Committee Reports, mimeographed and distributed previous to meeting — Awards Committee set up much-needed standards for granting of awards. — Officers elected: President, Manie Berry, Director, Capital Regional Library, Raymond; Vice President, Mary Joan Finger, School Librarian, Clarksdale; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Claudia Landrum, High School Librarian, Clinton.

The Citizens Library Movement elected as state chairman, Mrs. Percy Howard, Lake Cormorant. Other officers are: Mrs. J. W. Hudspeth, Cockrum; Mrs. Cliff Thomas, Crystal Springs; Lillie May Galyean, Corinth; Elizabeth Wise, Hazlehurst; Mrs. Maybelle Bartlett, Como; Mrs. M. M. Foster, Tupelo.

The treasurer's report showed a balance as of October 22, 1953 of \$1,435.04. To date paid membership for 1953 is 383 individual and 38 institutional, a total of 421.

Successful MLA operation and the good meeting are due to the work of many people but these deserve special mention: Anona Jenkins and Elizabeth Dakin for two years of devoted work in keeping the organization going, records in order and finances in balance — no little task; to Manie Berry for services throughout the year and for putting through a successful program; to Alice Hatchett, membership chairman, for helping to secure a record membership; to the following convention chairmen who kept the wheels oiled: Maria Person, Local Arrangements; Maude Anderson, Exhibits; Katherine Handley, Hospitality; Annette Wilder, Registration; Virginia Robinson, reporter — an excellent job with news that was wide and varied and continuous. Several out of state papers even carried the news.

MLA MEMBERSHIP (Not previously reported)

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Ada Sessions Fant Memorial Library, Macon, Mrs. Burton Ford, Lbn.

Membership dues to MLA are \$1.00 individual and \$2.50 institutional. Dues are collected for the calendar year, January-December. The new treasurer, Mrs. Claudia Landrum, Clinton, says it will save her time and the Association expenses if members will send in 1954 dues without being notified.

NEWS FROM LIBRARIES

School Libraries — By Sue Coltharp

Upon the resignation of Mrs. Jennie Beth Clark, Columbia, as Chairman of the School Library Section of the Mississippi Library Association and the Mississippi Education Association, Mary Joan Finger, the former vice-president, was made president. She will serve as State Assembly Member for Mississippi at the meetings of the American Association of School Librarians.

Some Changes —

The following school librarians are in these new positions this year: Betty McCarty, Long Beach; Mrs. Mildred Caldwell, Pontotoc; Dorothy Cundiff, Hardy Junior High, Jackson; Mrs. Sinclair Daniels, Brookhaven; Ena Kay Hudson, Beat Four School, Wayne County; Mae Rogers, Pascagoula; Verlie Duncan, Central High School, Jackson; Mrs. J. G. Herbert, Carr Central High, Vicksburg.

Student assistant organizations have now been formed in all fourteen regions of the state. **Region I** met September 19 in Cleveland. The following officers were elected: President, Stephen F. Clark, West Tallahatchie High School; Vice-President, Mrs. Ancy Ramsey, Cleveland High School; Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Arrington, Marks High School; Reporter, Mrs. W. H. King, Boyle High School; Professional Relations Chairman, Mary Joan Finger, Clarksdale High School. **Region II** will meet in Hattiesburg Junior High, November 14. **Region V** met October 10 at Bailey Junior High School, Jackson. **Region VI** met October 10 at Hernando High School. Plans were made to have four meetings during the school year. The next meeting will be December 10, in Holly Springs High School Library. **Region XIII** met September 26 in Hollandale. The next meeting will be held January 14, 1954, in Cary. Officers for this region are: President, Callie D. Chism, Hollandale High School; Vice-President, Mrs. F. S. Franklin, Redwood High School; Secretary-Treasurer, Carolyn Crowel, Cary High School.

Region XIV met in Natchez, October 10. They will meet again January 23, 1954. The group officers are: President, Clara Chamberlain, Natchez Public Schools; Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, Port Gibson High School. **Region X** will meet October 31 in Brookhaven High School. At the meeting of Region VI in Hernando, it was decided to have the next meeting on a school day. This suggestion came from one of the school superintendents in this region. It was thought that a more representative group of both student assistants and librarians could attend. So many in both groups had Saturday appointments that kept them from attending the earlier meetings. Holly Springs invited the group to come to their school Thursday morning, December 10. Some of the plans for this meeting include a mending demonstration, and skits from Batesville and Potts Camp students.

During the M. L. A. meeting in Biloxi, the following met to make plans for a state-wide meeting of library assistant in Jackson next spring: Lillye D. Harding, Gulfport; Ruthlyn Austin, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Cora Edwards, Newton; Mary Joan Finger, Clarksdale; Mattie Mae Viverette, Ellisville; Stephen F. Clark, Webb; Mrs. Joseph McDonald, Prentiss; Mary Love, Jackson; Mrs. S. F. MaGee, Monticello, and Annabelle Koonce of the State Department of Education.

Sister M. Madonna, librarian of St. Francis High School, Yazoo City, has made several visits to the Library Commission to secure information for a thesis. She will receive an M. A. degree in library science next year from Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois.

School Librarians, Please:

Why not let others know what you are doing? Share with us those ideas, experiments, and suggestions! It takes very little time to write about what is going on in your own situation, and we are all interested! Let's make this column one of mutual communication. I shall be writing you, but you are urged to send me news items at any time. Please don't wait to be asked. As soon as something of interest happens, send it on at once to this reporter so it will be ready for the next issue of the news.

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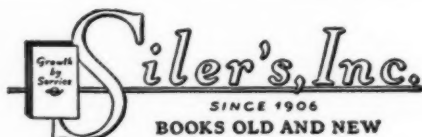
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PUBLIC LIBRARIES**by Mattie Milner**

Elizabeth Jones, Grenada County Library, writes: "Since the dust of the 'Battle of the Boards' has cleared away, we are trying to evaluate the outcome. As to the actual financial status we do not feel that we have gained much in dollars and cents. However we have been voted one-half mill in both city and county, so we think we have "arrived". Millage seems to be the goal of every good library, at least, so we are told and taught by the powers that be — Several other goals have been accomplished this fall. Our vertical file is now set up and ready for use in two brand new steel cabinets — The library has added the Encyclopedia Americana. All our other encyclopedias have been either gifts or memorials and we feel very set up to be able to purchase a good reference tool from the regular funds — Our negro children are now getting service through the schools. The Jeanes Supervisor has been supplied with books from the Library Commission — For Book Week we are planning exhibits and posters following the theme for this year with the emphasis on the "old favorites" which we fear are being snowed under by the new mysteries, science fiction, and cowboy rage.

The Harriette person Memorial Library, Port Gibson, had an Indian Reading Club with thirty-three enthusiastic members. The library is sponsoring a Great Books discussion group. — Plans are being made to observe Book Week with a silver tea and a costume party for the children.

The Oktibbeha County Library opened a branch for negroes in March of this year. The branch is located in the negro Methodist Church and at present the pastor gives volunteer supervision. Gift books have been received and community interest shown.

The Capital Regional Library was well represented at the recent MLA meeting. Manie Berry accompanied ten of her branch librarians and assistants down to Biloxi.

Mrs. Claudia Minga, chairman of the Montgomery County Library Board, reports that their library is giving some service to negroes. Even with a small book budget the library has added books for this purpose — biographies of outstanding negroes and some books for the use of negro schools.

The Greenwood-Leflore Library announces the appointment of Mrs. S. C. Mounger as a member of the library board replacing Mrs. D. S. Wheatley whose valuable leadership will be missed. Mrs. Mounger, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whitman Davis, Oxford, brings to the board a background of excellent experience in civic, church and PTA work.

Since the City-County Library, Bay St. Louis, is housed in its own library building. Louise Crawford plans to have a series of book reviews for adults and a story hour for children. Martha County and Mattie Milner from the Library Commission staff have spent some time at the library assisting Miss Crawford with cataloging and organizing the 6000 books received as a gift from Miss Ruth Knowles.

The children's room of the Canton Public Library has been completely furnished by the Maids and Matrons Club which recently made a gift of \$700.00 to add to former donations they had made to the library. Mrs. John Robinson, librarian, reports that this club plans other additions of pictures and chairs to this already very attractive room. Other plans for the library are for a children's story hour and a garden club center.

Mrs. Hattie Pittman, Walthall County librarian, reports that the local Rotary Club made a recent gift of \$50.00 for books and the Woman's Club gave the library a set of The World Book Encyclopedia.

Miss Daisy Lewis, Greenville's Youth Ambassador to Finland, will be guest story teller at a William Alexander Percy Library Story Hour soon. She will tell folk and fairy tales from the Scandinavian countries and will tell the children about the life of Finnish boys and girls. Recently this library had an exhibit of 14 paintings by William Ewing. The artist was present for the opening of the show, which attracted about 200 visitors. In connection with the exhibition, the library slogan for the week was "Art Is For Everyone." There was a display of books on art and book lists for the visitors to the exhibit. The **Delta Democrat Times** featured a story during the week about art books in the library. The library's radio review of the book "A Lamp is Heavy" has attracted The State Health Department which plans to use it in a nurse recruiting program.

The Clarksdale library recently held its annual Arts and Crafts exhibit which shows handicrafts and art work produced in Coahoma County. The exhibit is open for two weeks and has stimulated interest in this type of creative activity, and brought a great many people to the library. Books relating to the various types of art are displayed with the exhibit.

Mrs. L. B. Reid has been appointed librarian of the Houston Public Library. One of Mrs. Reid's first activities will be to promote tag day to raise library funds.

Mrs. H. P. Wamble has been appointed in charge of the Wren branch of the Tombigbee Regional Library. Two other libraries in the region are being renovated, Amory and West Point. Extensive renovations are under way in West Point and this Carnegie Library is taking on the new look with fresh paint, new floors, shelves and a complete overhauling. Successful similar reading clubs have been conducted in Amory and West Point and reading certificates will be awarded during Book Week. The West Point Junior Auxiliary continued sponsorship of the story hour for the fifth consecutive summer, the program being broadcast directly from the library.

Jeannine Todd, assistant at the Lee County Library, will be married to Henry J. Eaton, November 27, and plans to continue her library work. — The library is going forward with plans to open a branch for Negroes. Negro friends of the library are helping with the project. A club of 25 negro men has redecorated the room and equipped it with shelves, rug, bulletin board and magazine stand. The library is adding eight sets of Enrichment Records to its record collection. These are records of American historical events from Landmark books. — Two groups of Cub Scouts have toured the library as Point One in a city tour to points of civic and historical interest. The library and book-mobile service was explained to them. Before they left, each boy checked books from the library, and the Den Mothers checked material of interest to guide them on a tour of the city.

The Ada Sessions Fant Library, Macon, is sponsoring a quarterly book review. A local club is displaying flower arrangements at the library, the arrangements representing book titles. Mrs. Ford, librarian, says the flowers and the books they represent are attracting many to the library.

Mrs. Mildred Lanfair, after some years of faithful service as librarian in Durant, has resigned to accept a position in the office of the County Superintendent of Education. Mrs. Ross Rhyne, Jr., has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Sarah Dickson says that the Tallahatchie County Library has increased its annual circulation from 27,223 to 50,153 and gives the bookmobile credit for a large part of the increase. The library furnishes books for the Home Reading Course sponsored by the extension department of the University.

Mrs. McGraw, Louisville, reports progress and increased community interest in the library. The Woman's Club plans to install a better lighting system for the library. The same club has recently donated \$115.00 for book shelves. The local radio station has begun a weekly library broadcast.

Mrs. Martha Lang, formerly cataloger at the Jackson Public Library, has joined the staff of the Department of Archives and History. Sybil Ann Hanna has been appointed head of the children's library at Jackson Public. Miss Hanna, whose home is in Iowa, is a recent graduate of the University of Illinois Library School. Walter Wicker is bookmobile librarian for the First Regional Library. Mr. Wicker received a bachelor's degree and certificate in library science from the University and was recently released from military service.

Need library reports be dull statistics? It doesn't seem so from the pictorial annual reports made by the Meridian Public and the First Regional Libraries. These reports tell a vivid story briefly and attractively.

"The Land of Beginning Again" has a new inhabitant — the Biloxi Public Library. While Biloxi was the oldest public library in the state, circumstances had prevented its development with the years. Now the citizens of Biloxi have, indeed, turned the tables and eliminated some of the obstacles to good library service.

It all began with the Pilot Club that became concerned about their library, wrote the Library Commission for advisory help, and then enlisted the support of the Civic Club Council in an effort to do something. The Council, composed of representatives of organized clubs in the city, turned the full light of honest criticism on their library and on themselves for their neglect of an important institution.

First of all, there is a new city administration that is concerned about the library and insistent on business-like operation. Then, there is a new library board keenly aware that the people of Biloxi are looking to them for library leadership. And — there is a new librarian. To be sure, the same individual, but Florence Friedhoff herself is the one who declares that "Biloxi has a new librarian." With aroused public opinion, a concerned city administration, and an alert library board, one does become a new librarian. Last, but by no means least, there's a new budget — with real money in it!

Names of the people responsible for this new library interest would read like a "Who's Who Among Biloxians." Too city wide in its scope to be accredited to any group or individuals, the campaign did center around the Civic Council with its able library chairman, Miss Irma Harvey. Mayor Quave and Finance Commissioner Carl Short, along

with City Attorney Thomas J. Wiltz, did their official part. Continued responsibility falls on the new, vigorous library board consisting of Mrs. M. R. Mosley, Mrs. Eugene Peresich, Mrs. J. C. Clower and Mrs. Mary Henley. Renewed library activity is getting under way fast with weeding, building renovations, staff additions, new books, and plans for closer cooperation with the Harrison County Library.

News from College Libraries was not received in time to be included in this issue and will be in the next issue.

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ADULT EDUCATION PROJECT AVAILABLE

The Library Commission recently received announcement from The American Library Association of the availability of money from the Fund for Adult Education for adult education projects on both the local and state levels and individual study grants in the field of Adult education. This information was publicized among libraries and a group of public librarians were called together by Mrs. C. C. Clark, Chairman of M. L. A. Adult Education Committee, to discuss projects that might be useful and to make plans for requesting funds from A. L. A. to promote these projects. After a great deal of study and discussion, project requests were sent in by libraries in the North East Region, the First Region, Clarksdale Public, Greenwood Public and The Library Commission. These projects covering a range of adult education services include, for the Library Commission, a state-wide film service, demonstration of intensive adult education activities in one regional library, and library service to industry. Forums, discussions, program planning and adult study courses were included in local library requests.

Miss Violet Myer from A. L. A. headquarters came to the state November 5 to interview those who had submitted projects. Manie Berry and Jeanne Broach were at the Library Commission and, with some members of the Commission staff, discussed the project proposals. Miss Berry, Miss Broach, Mrs. Currier and Mrs. Eley went with Miss Myer to Greenwood, Clarksdale and Hernando to discuss their project requests. Miss Myer expressed interest in all projects submitted but said that requests far exceed available funds and the screening committee would have a difficult time in selecting the most worthwhile projects from among the many received from libraries throughout the United States.

On the visit to libraries in Greenwood, Clarksdale and Hernando the group peeped in at the attractive Canton Public (this being the afternoon that it was closed) and had a short stop and bookmobile inspection at the Tallahatchie County Library, Charleston. Miss Myer, who is on leave from the Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, did not see a Mississippi library as big and bustling as she is accustomed to but was complementary of the library progress being made in the state and of the service given from smaller libraries.

BACK ON THE CRACKER BARREL — AMERICAN HERITAGE PROJECT

In a day of more leisurely living when a larger percentage of the population lived in rural areas, country stores abounded and community life was more integrated, affairs of state were expounded by the cracker-barrel philosopher, at church gatherings and town meetings. Then there was not the apparent need for organized "forums," and "discussion groups" as the complexity of modern living presents. Today Mr. Average Citizen often finds himself befuddled, confused and with a feeling of awful ignorance as to what to believe and how to be well informed. What with the rush, push and hurry of today's existence, what time is there for reading or thinking or getting at the truth of so many conflicting announcements, headlines and just plain gossip? With the multiplicity of books, papers and periodicals how is one to choose which to read, and how to read with understanding?

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a most popular library-sponsored project in many communities. The project, which is sponsored by the American Library Association, through public libraries, with funds from the Ford Foundation For Adult Education, is under the direction of the Mississippi Library Commission in this state. The project is in operation in 25 local and state library agencies throughout the United States. It operates under the leadership of the local library, the librarian selecting a group leader who is interested in public affairs and who agrees to attend a meeting with other leaders to study discussion techniques and materials for local group discussion. Choice of subjects for discussion rests with the local librarian and the participating group. Project funds provide reading materials and films. With good library direction and a good local leader this method of "reading and discussing" is being enthusiastically received by many communities.

Many people have learned, through meeting with this group at the library, of other services their library has to offer. The project has, in fact, increased library prestige by rendering this community service.

Mrs. C. C. Clark is directing American Heritage discussion groups in the state this fall and winter. Some libraries are sponsoring the project for the third year, some for the second time and some new groups are just beginning. Altogether there will be 28 group discussions going on this year. Six of these are negro groups meeting at the negro branch library or community center. Libraries that are continuing the project are: Clarksdale, Greenville, Greenwood, Itta Bena, Jackson, Meridian, Minter City, Olive Branch, Oxford, Sardis, Tupelo, West Point. New groups are being organized in Brandon, Gulfport, Hazlehurst, Hernando, Lake Cormorant, Schlater, Senatobia and Wren. Some libraries are sponsoring more than one local group. Greenwood, where the project has been highly successful with dynamic leaders and excellent library sponsorship, will have six groups in the several county communities served by their library. The First Regional Library will also have six groups within their four-county region. The Carver Branch Library for Negroes in Jackson, is having the only group in the state for young adults.

All public libraries in the state are invited to take part in this program of adult education. Yes, it takes work "over and above the call of duty" but it is a splendid opportunity for the library to bring books and people together — to be the means of helping its patrons have contact with the best thinking of the day on questions of vital interest, then to make up their own minds on these subjects.

There is no promise that project funds will be furnished through the American Library Association for another year but we hope that when and if the time comes that there are no outside funds for promoting the discussions local and state budgets may be able to continue the sponsorship.

A. L. A. Publications

The American Library Association is announcing the release of the long awaited (1) **COUNTY AND REGIONAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT**, by Gretchen K. Schenk January 2, 1954. Mrs. Schenk's book, based on her wide library experience, discusses the administration and operation of county and regional libraries, the basis for large unit libraries, their place in the community and their relation to local government. She tells how to conduct campaigns for the establishment of these library systems and points out dangers to avoid based on past experiences. The book contains excellent chapters on bookmobile and special services, personnel, and public relations. It has an appendix and a selected bibliography.

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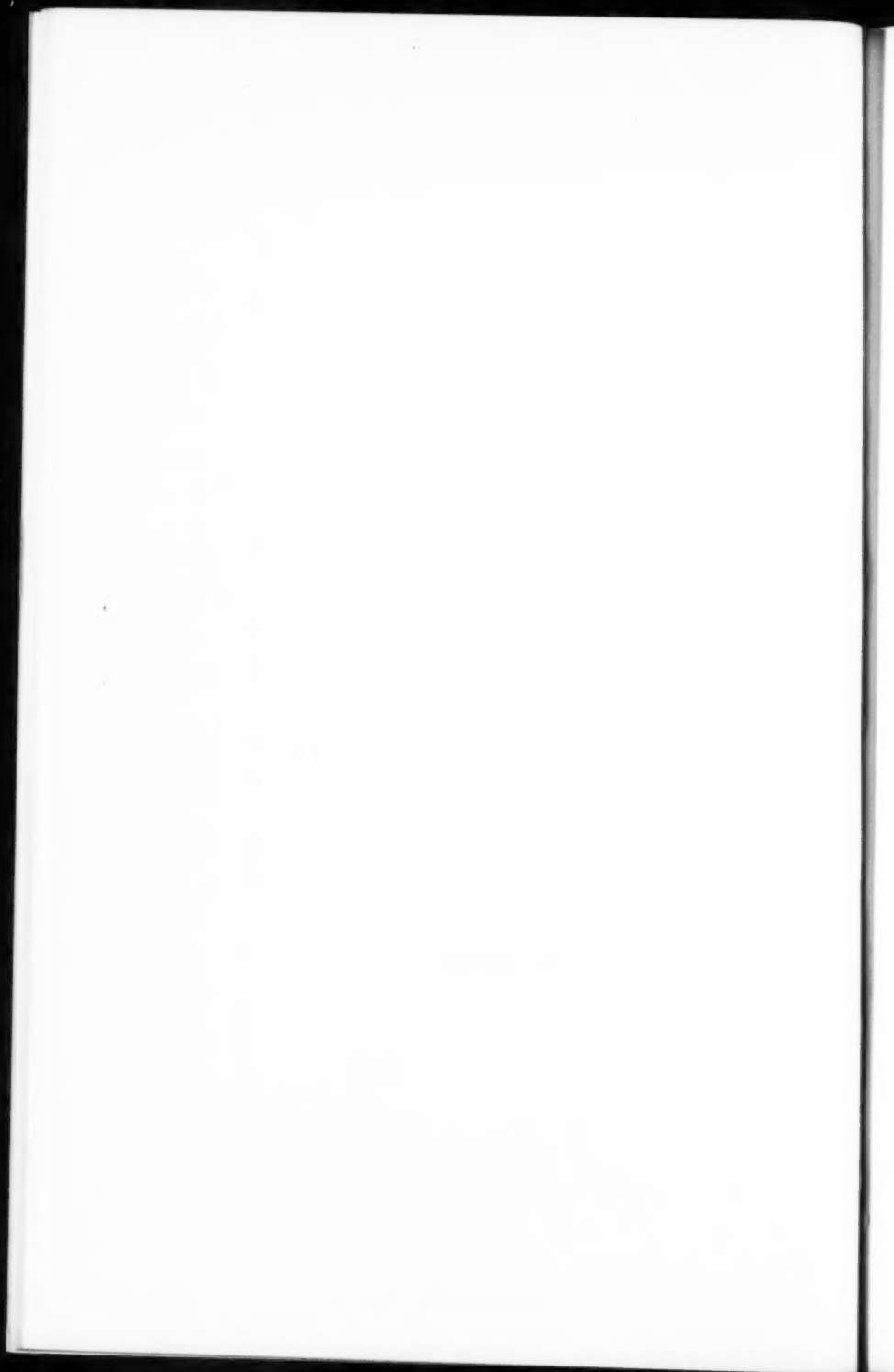
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| | County | City | Total (Inc. gifts, fines, etc.) | Salaries | Books & Periodicals | Total (Inc. Operational and Allocation) | Owned | Borrowed | Circulated | Population (1950) | Assessed Valuation |
| Adams - Natchez | | \$ 12,500.00 | \$ 27,974.89 | \$ 9,592.30 | \$ 5,934.97 | \$ 19,451.78 | 13,294 | 363 | 62,235 | 32,256 | \$ 28,957,905 |
| Attala - Kosciusko | | 8,200.00 | 9,369.68 | 6,383.92 | 2,172.10 | 9,287.50 | 8,105 | 1,088 | 55,307 | 26,652 | 6,863,833 |
| Bell - Hattiesburg | | 4,200.00 | 720.00 | 1,200.00 | | | 4,350 | 150 | 10,146 | 63,004 | 28,937,862 |
| Bolivar - Cleveland | | 1,350.00 | 2,029.12 | | | | 4,160 | 350 | 2,500 | 1,664 | 2,352,092 |
| Chickasaw - Houston | | 700.00 | 42,029.12 | 290.00 | 14.94 | 487.69 | | | | | |
| Chickasaw - Okolona | | 150.00 | 883.86 | 600.00 | 304.92 | | 7,541 | 556 | 7,497 | 18,951 | 5,893,986 |
| Clarke - Port Gibson | | 300.00 | 918.43 | 600.00 | 562.52 | 1,022.13 | 9,324 | 362 | 6,048 | 11,944 | 6,030,391 |
| Clarke - Quitman | | 760.00 | | 680.00 | 100.00 | | 2,100 | 365 | 1,250 | 19,362 | 8,694,618 |
| Coahoma - Clarksdale | | 15,000.00 | 38,720.55 | 19,524.66 | 6,841.83 | 39,696.97 | 57,027 | 1,592 | 143,189 | 49,361 | 30,484,026 |
| Coahoma - Hazlehurst | | 11,906.33 | 15,204.07 | 7,000.00 | 5,280.63 | 17,324.37 | 14,529 | 1,592 | 114,640 | 30,493 | 13,016,657 |
| Forrest - Hattiesburg | | 15,578.21 | 32,761.31 | 14,536.24 | 7,334.22 | 28,305.94 | 52,784 | 86 | 165,181 | 45,055 | 30,191,787 |
| George - Lucedale | | 1,200.00 | 100.00 | 1,200.00 | 79.00 | 1,279.00 | 2,021 | 203 | 12,191 | 10,012 | 5,051,523 |
| Grenada - Grenada | | 2,500.00 | 8,388.67 | 5,090.36 | 217.37 | 7,913.42 | 12,524 | 679 | 61,687 | 18,830 | 9,105,546 |
| Hancock - Bay St. Louis | | 1,200.00 | 2,437.64 | 2,137.00 | | 2,754.62 | 11,000 | 357 | 6,849 | 11,891 | 8,918,359 |
| Harrison - Biloxi | | 1,200.00 | 4,608.67 | 2,724.00 | | 4,108.67 | 4,000 | 241 | 15,435 | 37,425 | 21,189,952 |
| Harrison - Gulfport | | 11,500.00 | 22,154.61 | 12,466.57 | 4,429.92 | 21,191.66 | 48,000 | 520 | 147,159 | 84,073 | 42,398,450 |
| Hinds - Jackson | | 250.00 | 996.45 | 109.00 | | 842.85 | 2,650 | 520 | 4,774 | 2,703 | 2,864,009 |
| Holmes - Durant | | 5,825.00 | 79,445.47 | 44,579.55 | 26,201.37 | 76,712.03 | 58,293 | 83 | 197,762 | 98,271 | 100,277,938 |
| Jackson - Pascagoula | | 1,935.00 | 1,963.66 | 4,288.75 | | 7,020.01 | 14,350 | 83 | 40,716 | 33,301 | 12,067,938 |
| Jeff Davis - Prentiss | | 10,000.00 | 16,070.00 | 4,518.80 | 1,253.56 | 6,517.36 | 12,843 | 221 | 37,414 | 31,401 | 20,445,977 |
| Jones (Laurel Circulating Library) | | | 9,560.28 | 5,280.00 | 2,073.80 | 8,625.12 | 49,226 | | 73,592 | 57,235 | *32,892,124 |
| Jones (Laurel Rogers Library and Museum) | | | | | | | Laurel (City) | | *22,631,961 | (Pop. 25,038) | |
| Lamar - Purvis (7 months) | | 600.00 | 16,264.88 | 4,015.00 | 350.00 | 13,108.01 | 13,364 | 329 | 2,449 | 57,235 | 32,892,124 |
| Leake - Meridian | | 100.00 | 216.37 | 105.00 | 37.53 | 145.44 | 865 | | | 13,225 | 5,911,500 |
| Leake - Carthage | | 23,000.00 | 36,742.32 | 18,777.68 | 8,017.53 | 36,998.68 | 55,723 | 659 | 124,816 | 64,171 | 49,509,611 |
| Lee - Tupelo | | 7,500.00 | 15,495.52 | 1,023.73 | 1,200.00 | 15,225.75 | 18,354 | 1,940 | 275,385 | 38,237 | 6,082,096 |
| Lefflore - Greenwood | | 9,250.00 | 19,507.68 | 4,380.88 | 4,380.88 | 20,247.94 | 27,243 | 543 | 90,690 | 51,813 | 35,200,761 |
| Lincoln - Brookhaven (9 months) | | 9,079.50 | 3,321.92 | 5,613.55 | 2,696.89 | 9,309.62 | 12,065 | 799 | 66,032 | 27,899 | 13,559,877 |
| Lowndes - Columbus | | 1,800.00 | 3,372.43 | 1,572.50 | 706.80 | 2,615.71 | 10,903 | 49 | 21,563 | 37,852 | 17,150,628 |
| Madison - Canton | | 1,812.00 | 2,867.81 | 1,862.65 | 667.55 | 2,265.59 | 146 | 19,558 | 33,860 | 14,467,770 | 10,205,490 |
| Madison - Columbia | | 720.00 | 3,350.16 | 1,420.00 | 1,190.21 | 2,959.59 | 6,236 | 848 | 26,416 | 23,967 | |
| Monroe (Evans Memorial) - Aberdeen* | | 3,690.00 | 5,189.73 | 1,394.26 | 11,571.36 | 20,514 | 542 | 49,295 | 14,470 | 6,531,025 | |
| Montgomery - Winona | | 720.00 | 1,695.06 | 1,140.00 | 474.39 | 1,657.56 | 7,229 | 4 | 9,711 | | |

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| Neshoba — Philadelphia | \$ 600.00 | \$ 1,334.00 | \$ 890.00 | \$ 84.96 | \$ 1,060.90 | 2,775 | 670 | 11,167 | 25,730 | \$ 6,818,571 | |
| Newton — Newton | 2,549.99 | 2,603.44 | 1,500.00 | 897.87 | 2,655.03 | 6,230 | 447 | 17,746 | 29,112 | 22,236,274 | |
| Noxubee — Macon | 780.00 | 2,220.00 | 1,630.00 | 350.00 | 2,330.00 | 12,000 | 605 | 5,894 | 20,022 | 7,828,600 | |
| Oktober — Starkville | 275.00 | 314.71 | 1,630.00 | 226.51 | 235.96 | 7,011 | 243 | 7,265 | 24,569 | 9,483,533 | |
| Pearl River — Poplarville | 1,900.00 | 2,428.43 | 1,170.00 | 824.54 | 2,367.95 | 7,011 | — | 12,933 | 20,641 | 10,834,109 | |
| Pike — Natchez | 1,300.00 | 950.00 | 450.00 | 200.00 | 970.00 | 6,260 | 550 | 10,100 | 20,641 | 10,834,109 | |
| Pontotoc — Pontotoc | 1,200.00 | 2,888.23 | 1,502.50 | 845.16 | 2,445.35 | 15,306 | — | 15,949 | 35,137 | 16,669,724 | |
| Pike — McComb | 1,268.20 | 2,353.25 | 2,353.25 | 1,539.75 | 4,648.11 | 4,999 | 969 | 30,432 | 19,984 | 5,313,786 | |
| Quitman — Marks | 250.00 | 835.95 | 390.00 | 265.70 | 831.95 | 3,484 | 969 | 6,259 | 25,885 | 12,562,403 | |
| Sunflower — Ruleville | 4,059.00 | 10,083.69 | 6,075.00 | 1,566.90 | 9,515.08 | 12,953 | 1,476 | 68,662 | 56,031 | 26,241,438 | |
| Saladachie — Charleston | 10,800.00 | 10,908.11 | 4,735.60 | 3,086.38 | 10,684.15 | 10,343 | 1,301 | 50,135 | 30,486 | 12,313,707 | |
| Union — New Albany | 6,500.00 | 7,425.72 | 3,741.97 | 3,425.62 | 7,974.17 | 15,254 | 114 | 60,224 | 20,262 | 6,753,462 | |
| Walshall — Tyertown | 480.00 | 1,141.53 | 480.00 | 301.48 | 1,201.48 | 2,880 | 628 | 9,073 | 15,563 | 6,724,784 | |
| Warren — Vicksburg | 5,000.00 | 16,743.46 | 9,634.22 | 2,497.85 | 15,007.88 | 30,590 | 295 | 57,587 | 39,616 | 30,066,908 | |
| Washington — Greenville | 4,589.96 | 20,863.19 | 12,571.95 | 4,408.27 | 21,166.76 | 14,266 | 673 | 67,450 | 70,504 | 39,130,219 | |
| Washington — Leland | 1,000.00 | 1,952.74 | 1,200.00 | 267.98 | 1,924.26 | 3,138 | 671 | 9,469 | 4,736 | 3,671,460 | |
| Washington — Louisville | 600.00 | 2,252.29 | 1,500.00 | 747.97 | 2,751.86 | 6,047 | 92 | 15,900 | 22,231 | 9,418,433 | |
| Yazoo — Yazoo City | 1,200.00 | 6,250.00 | 3,785.00 | 1,640.00 | 6,331.54 | 27,595 | 432 | 40,708 | 35,712 | 19,311,061 | |
| Regional Libraries | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Region: Raymond — Hinds, Rankin, Scott, Simpson Counties | 45,986.30 | 51,800.00 | 27,090.58 | 13,367.45 | 46,870.67 | 30,481 | 2,520 | 155,610 | 116,274 | 66,780,323 | |
| First Region: Hernando, DeSoto, Lafayette, Panola, Tate Counties | 34,191.80 | 38,558.60 | 22,358.56 | 7,725.01 | 40,724.77 | 25,518 | 957 | 106,276 | 96,679 | 41,465,899 | |
| Northeast Region: Corinth, Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tombligh, West Point | 23,350.16 | 29,699.54 | 18,540.25 | 5,031.18 | 29,699.54 | 25,791 | 3,579 | 399,937 | 80,034 | 25,180,073 | |
| Clay, Monroe Counties | 16,518.00 | 26,931.15 | 8,896.34 | 4,713.28 | 25,613.33 | — | — | 63,111 | 54,300 | 22,736,118 | |
| *Evans Memorial Library (Aberdeen) | 3,690.00 | 11,135.61 | 5,189.73 | 1,394.26 | 11,571.36 | 20,514 | 542 | 49,295 | — | — | |
| Total for Tombigbee Region | 16,518.00 | 38,066.76 | 14,086.07 | 6,107.54 | 37,184.69 | — | — | 112,406 | 54,300 | 22,736,118 | |
| GRAND TOTAL — | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COUNTIES & REGIONS | \$317,574.37 | \$263,192.12 | \$335,856.98 | \$145,906.71 | \$613,780.34 | 835,274 | 29,431 | 3,086,943 | 1,849,275 | \$941,178,757 | |



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